TEDC 2022 CEDA APPLICATION

All Applications Must Be Received by August 19, 2022

The 2022 CEDA nominations will be judged in each of the five categories that have made the most significant contribution to economic development in their community and the State of Texas.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The CEDA will be given to one community from each of the following five population categories: (as currently marketed). Mark the population category for which you are applying.

- Population less than 10,000
- Population 10,001 to 20,000 [X]
- Population 20,001 to 50,000
- Population 50,001 to 100,000
- Population 100,001 to 250,000
- Population 250,001 and above

NOMINATION:

Name of Community: Taylor, Texas
TEDC Member Name: Mark Thomas, President/CEO (individual member, not organization)
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Community Population (as currently marketed): 17,900
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SUBMITTED FOR:
- [ ] Business Retention
- [X] Business Attraction
- [ ] Business Expansion
- [ ] Community Involvement
Investment
- The company plans to invest an estimated $17 billion in land, buildings, equipment, and other personal business property.
- Samsung’s investment will be the largest foreign investment in a single Texas site, bringing the company’s total U.S. investment to more than $47B since 1978.
  - Of the total semiconductor-related investment amounts, it totals more than $35B since building the first manufacturing facility in Texas in 1996.
- The project will comprise:
  - 1,200+ acres
  - A 6 million square foot semiconductor manufacturing facility
- The construction will start in the first half of 2022.
- The manufacturing facility will be operational by the second half of 2024.

Significant Impact
- Samsung would be the largest single facility paying taxes in Williamson County.

Technology
- The facility will manufacture advanced semiconductor technology.
- Semiconductors are used in the devices and technology we use every day – they are the brains that power your smartphones, make your commute safer and smarter, and impact your daily life in countless other ways.

Jobs
- This will create opportunities for people with GEDs to PhDs, with plenty of upskilled opportunities.
  - 2,000+ direct jobs
  - Thousands of good-paying construction and security jobs, many of which will be union-based.

Community Benefit
- Samsung will provide:
  - Annual Charitable Contributions of at least an average of $300,000 starting in 2022
  - Increased economic development through acquiring goods and services from businesses and individuals in Taylor
  - Continued use of local small businesses for goods and services
- Samsung will be committed to sustaining a diverse and well-represented workforce.
- Samsung will work with local employment recruiting agencies to enhance recruiting of potential minority job applicants and residents of Taylor, Taylor ISD, and Williamson County.
  - Conduct job and recruiting fairs in Taylor
  - Work with the Texas Workforce Commission to assist in the recruitment and hiring of individuals who reside in or who are representative of Taylor and Williamson County
  - Require its general construction contractor and major construction subcontractors to hold recruiting fairs in Taylor
  - Request general construction contractor to employ as many Taylor residents as possible and to hire a diverse workforce

Proposed location of new facility near Taylor, Texas
- Southwest of downtown Taylor, Texas and 15 miles from Samsung Austin Semiconductor and 25 miles from downtown Austin
Innovativeness: The successful recruitment of the Samsung project in Taylor Texas was based on the innovative and complete cooperation between multiple public and private organizations. The Taylor Economic Development Corporation, City of Taylor, Williamson County, the Taylor Independent School district and the State of Texas were the public entities that collaborated on the project from the early stages up to and including to today. Other entities also contributed and included private contractors, engineering companies, private financial advisory services, independent consultants, multiple law firms, private utility providers, and a major electric provider and others, all collaborating to successfully recruit Samsung. The innovation was the breadth and depth and level of professionalism that was brought to bear from the early stages of the project through the completion and now implementation of the project. All entities operated in absolute confidentiality through out the process.

Transferability: The model to land the project is available to any communities to study and the vendors that provided the key components for a winning strategy are also available. During the process the community learned that it is likely that there will be an additional 12 to 15 other wafer fab site searches that will take place. This in part is due to the strategic weakness of the location of a large percentage of current wafer fab production in politically vulnerable locations in the world. Additionally there will be a high number of semiconductor suppliers locating in Texas due to this successful site location.

Community commitment and leverage: All public entities participated in an incentive for the project. Tax abatements were utilized in the early stages from the city and county and then transitioning to chapter 380 agreements which included property and sales taxes. This strategy lowered the impact to city budgets due to the very large capital investment of the project. Tax increment financing was utilized, as will freeport exemptions, and the enterprise zone program plus the Texas Enterprise Fund. The site is in an Opportunity Zone and that will likely be utilized as well.

Measured Objectives: Performance agreements were carefully drafted for clarity for all parties that also ensured a positive ROI for the community. Great care was taken to study things like accelerated depreciated schedules for the semiconductor industry so that the ROI metrics of the project would continue to be met over the life of the performance agreements. As is stated in other areas of this submittal the company will create at least 1900 high wage jobs in Taylor, build at least 6,000,000 sq. ft of manufacturing space, with a construction cost of $17,000,000,000 and provide monetary assistance to nonprofits in Taylor.